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To: [Nedra Darling](#)
Cc: [Heather Swift](#); James_Cason@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: 1 of 2: Screenshot of the post: Sec Zinke and Cassandra Begay (without comments)
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 3:05:01 PM

Hi Nedra --

I'm in and out of comms service but a few things people who call should be aware of:

1. She was a paid activist who was not a credentialed member of the media.
2. The tapes don't tell the full story. She was so rude that there were Navajo women who were supporters of the monument behind her saying to the Secretary:
"Sorry, Mr. Secretary, her rudeness is not the Navajo way."
3. The Navajo VP's office sent out a very positive statement after their meeting which included a quote from the Secretary.

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On May 9, 2017, at 1:45 PM, Nedra Darling <nedra_darling@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Laura --

This is moving around Indian Country social media faster than the Moccasin Telegraph! There is a video, the link below, of the incident with Secretary Zinke pointing his finger at the woman who is an activist from PANDOS, not a reporter. My office has received a few calls from people seeing the posts and complaining about the Secretary scaring the reporter (not) and commenting how they thought it was unprofessional and too aggressive for him to wave his finger at the young Native woman. (b)(5) DPP

I am saying that I am sure he is sorry and that he has met with many tribal leaders regarding this topic and there is more time for input to this review of monuments. For more specifics I refer them to Park or the press release depending, if I can get a word in. Most of the calls are women and are angry but calm down after we talk. I'll keep you posted.

This is the movement of the what the Water Protesters are calling for regarding the new Standing Rock = Bears Ears.

Thanks.

Nedra

Post link: <https://www.facebook.com/dallasgoldtooth/posts/10106687342708413>

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